

METHOD FOR ACTIVATING AND DERIVATIZING CELLULOSE

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A process for activating cellulose is disclosed. The process entails the steps (a) dissolving cellulose in water-containing tertiary aminoxide, (b) coagulating the dissolved cellulose and optionally (c) alkalizing the cellulose obtained in (b). The cellulose derivative of the invention exhibits improved solubility and is largely free from fiber and gel particles.